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1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IICA) PASSED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY MAY 23:

TEXT. RESOLUTION 72: RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING WORK

OF SIMON N. WILSON

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, AT THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING:

WHEREAS:

AS MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE OAS SINCE 1945. MR. SIMON N. WILSON HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE INSTITUTE AND, AS OF APRIL 22, 1965, HE ACTED AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTE, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,

HE HAS MADE FULL USE OF HIS GREAT EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND TOTAL DEDICATION IN FULFILLMENT OF HIS DUTY, INITIATING AND SUPPORTING IMPORTANT WORK WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND STRENGTHENING OF THE INSTITUTE, AS AN INTER-  
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AMERICAN AGENCY SERVING AGRICULTURE, FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPROVED RURAL WAY OF LIFE IN THE HEMISPHERE;

THE IMPORTANCE AND REACH OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL AS HIS GREAT PUBLIC SPIRIT, ASSURE HIM THE DESERVING RECOGNITION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF IICA.

RESOLVES:

1. TO AWARD A DIPLOMA TO MR. SIMON N. WILSON, ALTERNATE REPRE-

SENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTE, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS IMPORTANT WORK IN BENEFIT OF THE INSTITUTE, INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED AGENCY, AND FOR HIS CONTINUED AND RENEWED SUPPORT IN STRENGTHENING ITS PROGRAMS DIRECTED TOWARD UPGRADING THE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN ITS MEMBER STATES. END TEXT.

2. CANADIAN DELEGATE MICHEL CAREAU, REPRESENTING WASHINGTON-BASED BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION:

TEXT. MR. CHAIRMAN:

IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL HOURS, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO PAY THE TRIBUTE DUE TO MR. SIMON NEWCOMB WILSON, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON. I WILL, HOWEVER, BE VERY BRIEF, REFLECTING A QUALITY MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE SIMON HAS DEMONSTRATED THROUGHOUT HIS 33 YEAR ASSOCIATION WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

AFTER HIS STUDIES IN GLAND, SWITZERLAND; PAWLING, NEW YORK; YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO; MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS AND WASHINGTON, D.C., MR. WILSON SERVED AS A NAVAL RESERVE LIEUTENANT IN SALINAS DA MARGARITA, BAHIA, IN BRAZIL; LATER ON AS AN INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIST WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION AND AS A BROADCAST ANALYST WITH THE FOREIGN BROADCAST MONITORING SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION.

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IN 1945 HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. HE QUICKLY BECAME A SPECIALIST IN INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES ESPECIALLY POLICY, ORGANIZATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS, PROGRAMS, BUDGET AND FINANCE, REGULATIONS AND SO FORTH. MR. WILSON TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PREPARATION OF SEVERAL ARTICLES OF THE OAS CHARTER IN 1948 AND AT THE TIME OF THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT OF BUENOS AIRES IN 1967.

HE SERVED AT THE IICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN WASHINGTON SINCE 1963 AND ALSO IN THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AS ADVISER OR AS PRINCIPAL U.S. MEMBER. HE WAS THUS INVOLVED IN ALL MAJOR U.S. ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS IICA OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIONS IN 1956-57, TO RESTRUCTURE THE INSTITUTE INTO AN AGENCY TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECTORS OF GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH AGRICULTURE. MR. WILSON REPRESENTED U.S. VIEWS ON ALL "INSTITUTIONAL" OR NON-TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ARISING IN THE COURSE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTITUTE, SUCH AS JUSTIFICATION FOR ANNUAL QUOTA PAYMENTS; REGULATIONS INsofar AS THEY COME BEFORE THE BOARD; RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, REVIEW OF U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO THE INSTITUTE, ETC. SIMON WILSON WAS FOR HIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT GRANTED THE SUPERIOR HONOR AWARD BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN

1975.

IN ALL HIS TASKS SIMON HAS BEEN A VERY DEDICATED OFFICER MAKING OUTSTANDING USE OF HIS GREAT EXPERIENCE, INITIATING AND SUPPORTING IMPORTANT WORK WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH AND STRENGTHENING OF THE INSTITUTE, AS AN INTER-AMERICAN AGENCY SERVING AGRICULTURE, FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPROVED RURAL WAY OF LIFE IN THE HEMISPHERE. FOR THOSE REASONS, AND SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN WASHINGTON, MR. CHAIRMAN, I AM VERY PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE US. THANK YOU. END TEXT.

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